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Dog licenses honor fire service professionals

*Fire chief obtains
'badge number one'*

By Sarah Platanitis
*Turley Publications
Correspondent*

Agawam's Animal Control Officer hopes that special 2014 dog tags will help promote the importance of dog licensing.

"Last year we paid tribute to our men and women of law enforcement by ordering blue badge-shaped dog licenses. This year I thought it would be fair to honor our firemen and women, so that's why we chose red fire hydrants," said Animal Control Officer Allison Strong.

Each year the pattern and color of the license is changed so Strong can tell from afar if a dog has the most up-to-date license.

Agawam Fire Chief Alan Sirois and his dog, Chopper, were issued fire hydrant license number one.

"When I heard from ACO Strong that they were going to pay homage to the firefighters this year, I said that we'll be right down and that she could put us down for badge number one," said Sirois.

Chopper, an obedient 9-year-old Boxer, was in good spirits and quite curious during her visit to the Agawam Police Department to get her new tag.

Sirois said his family chose the breed because of its happy temperament and loyal and affectionate



Turley Publications photo by Sarah Platanitis

Animal Control Officer Allison Strong (right) presents Agawam Fire Chief Alan Sirois and his boxer, Chopper, with the first of the town's 2014 dog tags honoring firefighters.

demeanor. Chopper stays home while Sirois goes to work because she does not like the sounds of sirens and horns.

"Many of the firefighters have dogs and cats. Many have families

and small kids so they enjoy having pets around. I would say that there are probably studies saying that having animals taking care of you as you take care of them can relieve stress from a tough job,"

said Sirois.

Strong called attention to the importance of dog licensing and why it is imperative to remember to renew each year before April 1.

"For starters, it is state and local

law that every dog be licensed," she said. "A lot of times we hear that a dog never leaves the yard or that it doesn't go outside of the house but sometimes our emergency personnel have to come rushing in so dogs get scared and rush out."

Strong has seen situations where a door has accidentally been left open or a dog gets caught up in the excitement of company arriving for the holidays and runs off. Most distressing is when a house is broken into and dogs escape because they are fearful of the intruders.

"Even a dog that is micro-chipped still needs a license. I'm the only one in town with a microchip scanner so if I'm not working and your dog isn't tagged we have no way to get the dog home to you. Also, rabies tags don't count. Vets aren't open on holidays but we're here 24/7 and can get the dog home safely," she said.

Licensed dogs always get home because each license is issued a specific number and Agawam Police dispatchers have all of that information in a binder. If someone calls and says they have found a dog with a specific tag number, they can look it up to find out exactly where that dog belongs.

There is also an option to list an emergency contact on the chance that a dog gets out while someone is at work, on vacation or away for any reason. It is a very big deal since that extra safe place ensures that a pup's paws will never touch the pound.

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Relay 'stars' readying to finish fight against cancer

By Mike Lydick
*Turley Publications
Correspondent*

AGAWAM — When Hollywood holds a star-studded event — such as the Golden Globes or the Academy Awards — it rolls out the red carpet. Similarly, a purple carpet will be rolled out later this month in Agawam for a star-filled event.

A purple carpet, which celebrates the life-saving programs and services of the American Cancer Society, will be used at a kickoff rally for the 2014 Relay For Life of Agawam on Thursday, Jan. 23. (In the event of inclement weather, it will be held Thursday, Jan. 30.)

Although the event at the Agawam High School cafeteria won't have much glamour and glitz or shiny award statues, there will be food, fun, and prizes for the "stars" who attend.

The kickoff — from 6 to 8:30 p.m. — marks the official launch of fund-raising efforts for the 2014



Janine Iacolo (left), chair of the 2014 Relay For Life of Agawam, and Jennifer Ducharme, Relay specialist for the New England Division of the American Cancer Society, prepare star decorations for the Relay's kickoff rally on Jan. 23.

Relay. Cancer survivors, caregivers, volunteers, Relay teams, and others from the Agawam community will celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones who lost

their lives to cancer, and renew efforts to find a cure for cancer.

This year's theme is Finish the Fight.

"We invite all residents to Please see RELAY, page 6

Flooding closes road

Rain, melting snow cited as cause

By Jennifer Wroblewski
Staff Writer

AGAWAM — Arnold Street in Agawam was closed Saturday night into Sunday when the roadway flooded and a vehicle was trapped in over a foot of water.

According to Chris Golba, superintendent of the Department of Public Works, the street became impassable when the amount

of melting snow and rain overwhelmed the drainage system. Crews arrived on scene shortly after 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11 and found a section of roadway flooded with about a foot and a half of water. At least two residences were affected by the flooding, he said.

Department of Public Works employees were unable to find any problems with the drainage system, but Golba did say that the area has had problems in the past.

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Council to debate mixed use zone

By Gregory A. Scibelli
*Turley Publications
Correspondent*

AGAWAM — Some city councilors have expressed concerns over a proposal to create a mixed-use zone known as "Business C" that Mayor Richard A. Cohen and the Planning and Conservation Department hope will lead to a revitalization of the area surround-

ing Games and Lanes on Walnut Street Extension.

Planning and Conservation Director Deborah Dachos will be going over the proposal with the city council and the planning board at a workshop scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 16 at 6 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library.

"I am hoping that I will be able to go over the language and ad-

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Neal: Agreement not in best interest

WASHINGTON - Congressman Richard E. Neal, a senior member of the House Ways and Means Committee, released the following statement in response to the Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) proposal introduced in Congress last week by Sen. Max Baucus and Rep. Dave Camp.

"The House and Senate introduced legislation today that would give President Obama the authority to fast-track international trade agreements. As a member of the committee that has jurisdiction over trade policy, I have a long history of expressing my concerns about granting this authority. In fact, the last time fast track was invoked in Congress, I voted against it because the proposed agreement was not in the best interest of our economy and workforce at the time."

"These are the fundamental principles I bring to any debate about trade negotiations. The process must be transparent, inclusive and deliberative, and the policy must be beneficial to the American people. I take very seriously my role in oversight of U.S. trade policy, and am hesitant to grant any administration trade promotion authority. But I will make a final determination once I have read the legislation and heard from my constituents," said Neal.

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WHERE IS IT?

Each week Agawam Advertiser News will feature a photo of a local building, item, sign, place or landmark and ask readers to pick their brains to figure out where it is or even what it is. Check here each week to test your knowledge of the area where we live and work. The photo will be from either Agawam or Feeding Hills, but we'll always give you a hint or two.

The answer to this week's "Where is it?" will run in next week's edition along with the name of the first person to submit a correct answer and a new trivia photo for you to consider.

E-mail answers or future Where Is It? suggestions to editor Jennifer Wroblewski at jwroblewski@turley.com.

Turley Publications staff photo by Jennifer Wroblewski

If you've been milling around Agawam, you've likely seen this religious symbol. Tell us, do you know where it is?



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The Friends of the Agawam Public Library will hold its annual meeting Thursday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library. This meeting is open to the public. The election of officers will be held at this meeting. All members that have paid their 2014 dues will be eligible to vote. Anyone interested in joining the Friends organization may pay his or her dues at the beginning of the meeting to become eligible to vote.

The Friends of the Agawam Public Library is a nonprofit, 501 c(3) tax-exempt organization whose mission is to support the town library by providing fundraisers, workshops and educational activities, and volunteer services. For further information write to: Friends of the Agawam Public Library, POB 478, Feeding Hills, MA 01030-0478. The Friends group is not connected to any local, state, or federal government agency.

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'Quarter Mania' to benefit Wounded Warrior Project

The Springfield Turnverein, located at 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will be the site of the Together We Can Quarterly Auction, "Quarter Mania," Thursday, Feb. 6, a fundraiser supporting wounded service members through Wounded Warrior Project (WWP).

The mission of WWP is to honor and empower wounded warriors, to raise awareness and to enlist the public's aid for the needs of injured service members. The WWP also helps injured servicemen and women aid and assist each other, and to provide unique, direct programs and services to meet their needs. WWP's 18 programs and services are uniquely structured to nurture the mind and body, and encourage economic empowerment and engagement.

Quarter Auctions are an opportunity to win great prizes from direct-sell companies for just quarters. The first 25 guests through the door will be entered into a drawing for one of over 10 prizes. Admission is \$3 for one paddle or two for \$5, which will be used at the auction. Additional paddles may be available for purchase prior to the start of the auction. Each vendor on-site will auction two to three items.

All proceeds from the admission and sale of raffle tickets at the auction will be donated to the WWP. Doors open at 6 p.m. followed by the auction at 6:45 p.m. This is a family-friendly event. Children are welcome.

For more information, visit woundedwarriorproject.org.

Rotary to meet Jan. 22

The Agawam Rotary Club will meet Wednesday, Jan. 22 for lunch at 12:15 p.m. at Storrowton Tavern in West Springfield. Guest speaker will be Bethany Kavotte from Jiminy Peak. The public is welcome to attend.

The Agawam Rotary is a service organization which assists with local, national and international projects. For more information on Agawam Rotary, or for information on how to become a Rotarian, visit www.agawamrotary.org. As Rotarians, they sponsor local scholarships and charities and raise money for local, national, and international service projects, including the worldwide elimination of polio and providing clean drinking water.

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baystateparent expands to Western Massachusetts

MILLBURY – baystateparent magazine, named "Best Parenting Publication" by the Local Media Association six out of the past nine years (including in 2012), announced Monday that it will publish a Western Massachusetts edition beginning this winter, featuring editorial content and advertising specific to the Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden Counties. The 18-year-old magazine, owned by the Holden Landmark Corporation, is a resource for families with children of all ages and is currently available at 1,000 locations in Central and Eastern Massachusetts. Its readership includes nearly 100,000 parents, grandparents and educators each month.

The Western Massachusetts edition of baystateparent will be in partnership with locally owned and operated family-friendly businesses in the region -- Baystate Health, Big Y Foods and Turley Publications.

baystateparent owner and publisher Kirk A. Davis said, "I purchased 'Today's Parent' over 10 years ago, hoping to make an already great publication even better, in part changing its name to be more reflective of our statewide aspirations. Over this past decade, we have consistently provided today's active moms and dads relevant, easy-to-access and timely information that empowers their entire family to take advantage of the vast opportunities – both educational and recreational – available in the culturally rich and diverse New England region. In the process, we have garnered over 100 awards, making ours the most celebrated parenting publication in the country. Now, it's time to broaden our distribution and share our stories with a population in an area of Massachusetts I have always loved and once lived in Western Massachusetts."

Beginning with its March issue, the company will distrib-

ute more than 25,000 complimentary copies of the all-color Western Massachusetts-specific edition of baystateparent at 500 area locations on/about the first of each month, including more than 20 Big Y stores.

Big Y's Wellness Team and registered dietitians will provide content to baystateparent editorial staff, who will in turn share it with readers through its print publication, online site and social media. Expansion into Western Massachusetts will add 60,000 readers to the publication's circulation base.

The inaugural March issue is dedicated to a comprehensive listing of and feature coverage of regional camps (day-stay and overnight). Subsequent editorial focuses include "Home and Garden" (April); "Your Passport to Summer Fun" (June); "The Baby Issue" (July) and "Back to School" (August).

Patrick Turley, owner of Turley Publications, Inc., commented, "We have printed

baystateparent since Kirk acquired it over a decade ago, and are particularly excited to collaborate in marketing and promoting this wonderful publication throughout Western Massachusetts." baystateparent is written and produced at its new offices at the Felter's Mill building in Millbury.

A recent reader survey reported that 91% of its readers claim to use baystateparent to make a majority of their purchasing decisions. The company recently expanded its web site baystateparent.com, an online community devoted to parents of kids from birth through adolescence, to be able to include zoned event and advertiser listings. The company also produces live events through baystateparent Events, including parenting seminars and contests that place the children of readers on its cover.

Vendor space available at train, hobby show

WEST SPRINGFIELD - Cub Scout Pack 83 will host the fourth Westside Model Train and Hobby Show Saturday, Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the West Springfield Senior Center, 128 Park St., West Springfield.

Vendor space is available. For more information, call Dan Chraplak at (413) 733-0652, Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., or email wsmodeltrainshow@yahoo.com.

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Opinion

Fight the flu with facts

With winter weather comes the dreaded flu season. And while some chalk it up to just an inevitable yearly occurrence, it's important residents know they can take steps to avoid contracting the flu by learning some basic flu facts.

The flu is a virus, so antibiotics cannot treat it. Still, there are steps you can take to alleviate symptoms that include high fever lasting three to five days, severe body aches, headache, fatigue, sore throat, cough, runny or stuffy nose, and vomiting and/or diarrhea, particularly in small children.

First – rest. Stay at home, and stay in bed. This will help you to recover more quickly and avoiding work or school will keep the flu virus from spreading to others.

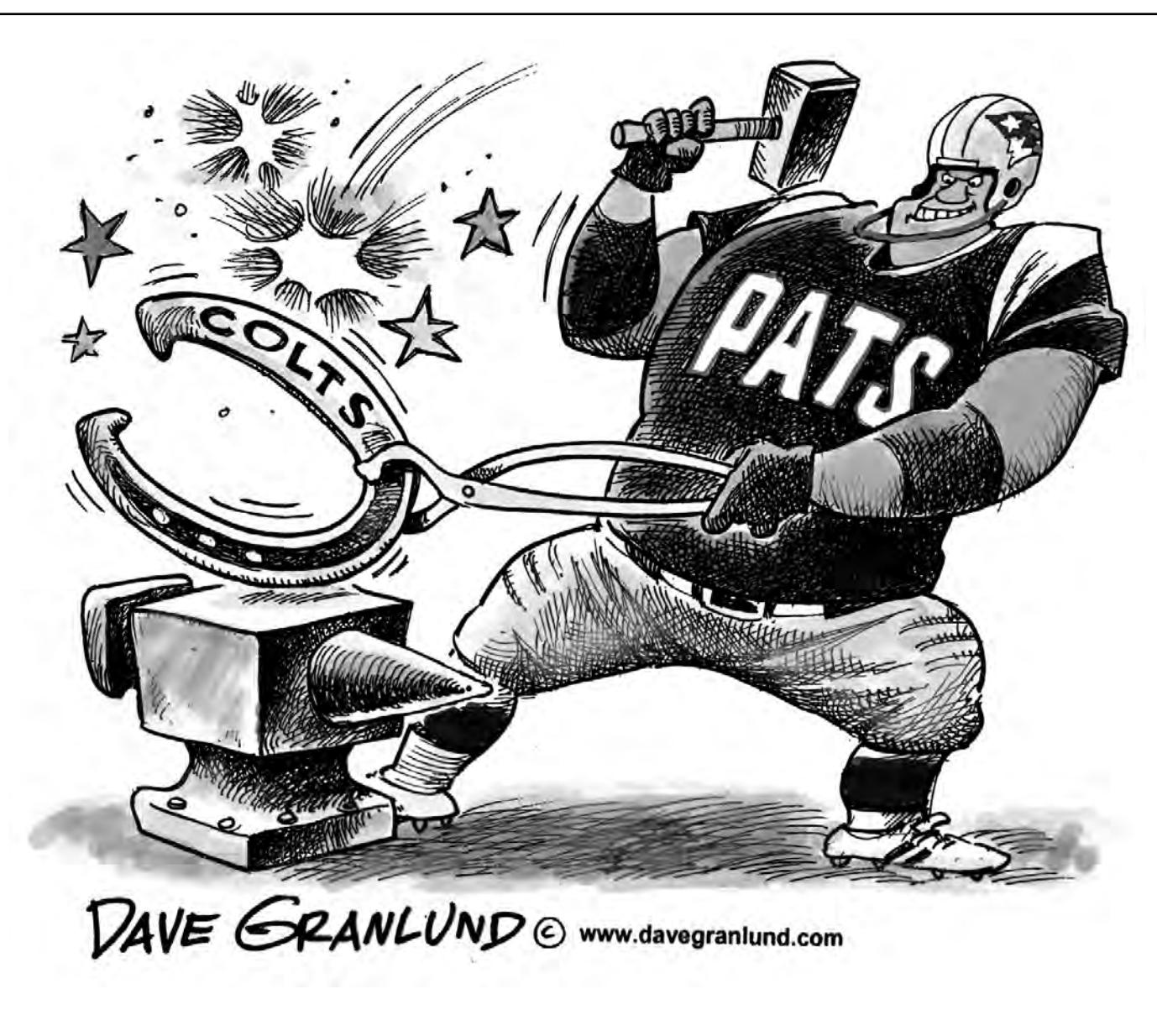
Drink plenty of fluids, water or juice, to avoid dehydration.

Take non-aspirin pain relievers to reduce fever and pain.

For pregnant women, the flu can be especially difficult to deal with. Acetaminophen is the recommended treatment for fever during pregnancy. Women should also drink plenty of fluids, and seek medical advice to determine whether you need antiviral drugs: prescription pills, liquids or inhalers that fight flu by keeping germs from growing in your body. Antivirals work best when started within two days of the onset of symptoms, but moms-to-be can take them even after 48 hours. While there is little information about the effects of antivirals in pregnant women or their babies, no serious side effects have been reported.

The best defense against the flu is a flu shot. And it's not too late to receive one. The Centers for Disease Control recommends that everyone six months of age and older receive the flu shot that will provide protection against this year's virulent strain, which, according to Dr. Sarah Haessler of the Infectious Disease Division at Baystate Medical Center, can remain in the area through April.

Busting through the biggest myth about



flu – the vaccine does not cause the flu; still, it does take about two weeks for it to become fully effective, so there is a chance that if you are exposed, you may still suffer symptoms.

Other protections against infection include frequent hand washing with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, and avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Seek medical attention immediately if more severe symptoms develop, including "fast breathing, trouble breathing or bluish skin color; pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen; confusion or sudden dizziness; not drinking enough fluids, not being able to eat, or severe or persistent vomiting; flu-like symptoms that improve but then return with fever and worse cough; not waking up, being so irritable that the child does not want

to be held or not interacting (children); fever with a rash (children); no tears when crying or significantly fewer wet diapers than normal (children)."

More information is available at redcross.org and www.mass.gov/flu or by calling the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Immunization Program at (617) 983-6800.

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The importance of 'community'

I am new to the community of Agawam. I have been interim pastor of the Agawam Congregational Church for only a few weeks. I was asked to share a thought with you that might be relevant to our community, especially our faith community. Before I retired in 2011, I was pastor of the Federated Community Church of Hampden for a little over 28 years.

The concept of "community" as expressed by the middle name of that church was integral to our ministry there. Why is this important? Because, as Gordon McDonald says in his book *Mastering Personal Growth*, "Without community, we cannot grow into healthy spirituality." In order to fulfill our individual

selves as well as fulfill God's purpose for us as His people, we need to "experience" community, not just "be a member" of a community.

Church is a community; a place to receive, and I hope that you have received and are receiving something from your association with your church. There comes a time, though, when we need to take the next step. There are levels of involvement in the church – some are spectators, some seekers, others are followers and still others are builders. You know where you fit in your church community.

Over my years of ministry, I have taken a one-month sabbatical every three years to build. I have helped build houses for poor families in Georgia, in the inner city of Philadelphia, in Appalachia, in

tornado damaged Mississippi and on one occasion in El Salvador with the Rev. Rob Donaldson of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church and his family. I have also helped rebuild black churches burned by arson in the South. I was glad to have the chance to use my time for this building experience, both of the church structure and race relations. We here in Agawam in our various congregations are still building a church as well – a living church.

On one of my experiences, I remember seeing lumber sorted and neatly stacked – good looking but useless. It was only when those individual pieces were united with others that they became a useful part of the structure. Our churches are like that. Church is not complete without you in place and you are not fulfilled unless you are in place. To be in community is to be an integral part of the church. Community is giving and receiving (different from taking, by the way) and it affects the rest of our lives.

See you in church, in place, doing what only you can do.

FAITH MATTERS



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Families

Winter programs at the Agawam Public Library

The Agawam Public Library has announced the schedule of winter programs offered to the public. All programs are free but registration is required unless noted and may be done by going to www.agawamlibrary.org. For more information, visit the library or call Youth Services at 789-1550 ext. 3. When school is cancelled or delayed, library programs are cancelled. There are no weekly programs during school vacation week, Feb. 17 - 21.

Mother Goose on the Loose is an early-literacy program for children from birth to age three with their parents or caregivers. This program incorporates books, rhymes, finger-plays, flannel-board stories, music, movement, and child-parent interaction into a dynamic program.

Mother Goose on the Loose for Tiny Tots - Monday 10:30-11:30 a.m. for ages 19 - 28 months - Jan. 13, 27, Feb. 3 and 10.

Mother Goose on the Loose Lapsit for Babies - Thursdays 9:30-10:15 a.m. for ages birth - 18 months (no siblings) - Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13.

Mother Goose on the Loose for Terrific Toddlers - Thursday 10:30-11:30 a.m. for ages 29 - 36 months - Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13.

Drop-In PJ Storytime (wear your PJs if you like) - Wednesday 6 p.m. for children ages 3-5 - Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12. Join us for a 30-minute storytime with stories, music, and a simple craft. This program does

not require registration.

Preschool Storytime for ages 3-5 - Monday 9:30-10:30 a.m., Jan. 13, 27, Feb. 3, 10 or Tuesday 10:30-11:30 a.m., Jan. 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11. Join us for stories, music, and a simple craft followed by 30 minutes of play time.

Winter Reading Club - for all ages - Jan. 13 - Feb. 22. Sign-up online and then pick up a reading log at the library. For each book read or listen to, fill out a gold medal to hang in the library. After three books are read, participants will receive a special treat. If 10 books are read or listened to by Feb. 22, return the log to the library and get an Olympic reading prize.

Valentine Candy Count Contests - Make a guess... and win the candy - Jan. 13 - Feb. 13.

Mom and Me and Yoga - Sponsored by the YMCA Program and Wellness Family Center and the Let's Move Program - for children ages 2 1/2 - 4 years with their grown-up of any age - Wednesday, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12 from 10-11 a.m. A fun program of stretching, movement and healthy eating tips for preschoolers and their grown-ups.

Tween Craft Nights - Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m. for students in grades 3-6. Have fun creating a snowman from a milk jug (bring a clean jug, any size), Tuesday, Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m. for students in grades 3-6. Create a Valentine Heart Mobile.

Agawam Junior Women to meet Jan. 21

The GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club (AJWC) will hold installation of officers and directors for 2014 at the next meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 21 at the Agawam Senior Center.

The Martha Michalewich Clubwoman of the Year Award will be presented at the meeting to a club member that has gone above the call of duty for her club, and the Marilyn Perry Leadership Award will also be presented, to a clubwoman who has demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities and abilities and used them to benefit both GFWC club and the community.

This year, AJWC is celebrating 57

years of volunteer service in the community. The club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, one of the largest female volunteer organizations in the world.

Anyone interested in learning more about AJWC and its volunteer projects is invited to join them at the monthly meeting. A social gathering will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. AJWC meetings are always open to the public.

For more information about how to become a member, contact Christina Beauchemin, membership chairperson, at 427-8784.

Comedy fundraiser to benefit Agawam Lions

The Knights of Columbus, located at 460 Granby Road, Chicopee will host a comedy fundraiser Saturday, March 1 at 7 p.m., with proceeds to benefit the Agawam Lions Club. Featured performers for the event are Jody Sloane, Tom Hayes and Steve Guilmette.

Tickets, which are \$20 per person, may be purchased at Bob's Barber Shop, 13 Maple

St., Agawam, and Southgate Liquors on Sufield Street in Agawam or by calling Shawn Disley at (413) 687-0268 or Dick Lanier at (413) 335-5434.

Doors open at 6 p.m. There will be a cash bar, raffles, light music and the performance will include mild adult themes.

Free 'storywalk' open to area families

The Agawam Family and Community Program will host a free "storywalk," Saturday, Feb. 1 from 9 a.m. to noon at Agawam High School. The public is invited to escape the cold and enjoy a warm walk through the pages of Jan Brett's picture book, "The Mitten." Pages of the story will be displayed throughout the halls, allowing parents and children to read, look and laugh at the animals trying to find shelter from the snow.

When a young boy drops his white mitten in the snow, he goes on without realizing that it is missing. One by one, woodland animals find it and crawl in;

first, a curious mole, then a rabbit, a badger and others, each one larger than the last. Finally, a big brown bear is followed in by a tiny brown mouse and what happens next makes for a wonderfully funny climax.

Funding for the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) Grant is provided by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education & Care (EEC).

For more information, call Michelle Conner, outreach coordinator, at (413) 821-0597 or email mconner@agawam-publicschools.org.

Lioness to host Mohegan Sun trip

The Agawam Lioness Club will host a trip to Mohegan Sun Sunday, March 9. Anyone with a reservation is asked to be at the Agawam High School parking lot at noon. The bus will depart at 12:30 p.m., or sooner if everyone is present. The bus will arrive back at AHS at 8:15 p.m.

The cost is \$30 per person, which includes

bus driver's tip, a \$15 food voucher and a \$15 free bet voucher. Proceeds from this trip will be used for the various charities the Agawam Lioness Club supports. The public is invited.

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'First Person Presentation' at Storrorwton Village

WEST SPRINGFIELD - Eastern States Exposition's Storrorwton Village Museum will present its annual First Person Presentation, "A Fireman of 1899 - His Life and Job," Friday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m., in its historic Meetinghouse.

William N. "Bill" Moss, of Harvard, will recount the challenges of 19th century firefighters, both in their personal and professional lives. Experience the journey as Moss, dressed in period costume as a firefighter of more than a century ago, introduces audiences to a typical day's work in the life of a fireman at the height of the golden years of industry and city growth at the end of the 19th century.

Moss is a retired firefighter and frequently conducts lectures at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, Dart-

mouth College, Northeastern University and Old Sturbridge Village. A historian and teacher, Moss has been involved in historical character presentations for more than a decade. He also leads interactive workshops for adults and children.

This 45-minute entertaining and educational program for adults and children will be followed by a question and answer period. Admission is \$5, children under 6 are admitted free and tickets will be available at the door.

Reservations for this event are encouraged but not required. For more information, call the Village at (413) 205-5051.

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Relay 'stars' readying to finish fight against cancer

RELAY, from page 1

'come on down' to help us finish the fight against cancer and become a 'Relay Star,'" said Janine Iacolo, event chair.

Sharing personal stories

Iacolo said each year a committee member is given the opportunity to tell their story at the kickoff rally about how cancer has changed his or her life. "Anyone participating in a Relay event plays a much bigger – and more important – role than any Hollywood star ever could on or off screen. Relay participants are on the frontlines of trying to stop cancer in its tracks," she said.

Courtney Barberi, whose mother and aunt died from cancer at early ages, will be this year's guest speaker. The 27-year-old an Agawam resident will talk about how those deaths – her mother from leukemia at age 46 in 2012 and her aunt from breast cancer at age 36 in 2005 – have made her a cancer fighter.

"My mom and aunt are why I started a Relay a team and why I'm so involved in the Relay For Life of Agawam," said Barberi, who formed a team in 2012 to pay tribute to her mother for the very first Relay in Agawam. She also joined the committee that plans the Relay. "My family has suffered greatly from the impact of cancer – that's what keeps me motivated."

"We're looking to cast more 'stars' like Courtney for our big event this spring: an overnight 16-hour nonstop Relay For Life," added Iacolo, who is now serving her third year as event chair. "The kickoff is an opportunity for people to learn more about how they can become 'Relay Stars' by joining a team or forming their own team."

The 2014 Relay is scheduled for Friday, May 16, and Saturday, May 17 at the Agawam High School track and sports field. To date, 17 teams and more than 60 participants have registered for the Relay.

"Nearly everyone has been touched by cancer – either personally or through a friend or family member who has been diagnosed with cancer. We're hoping more cancer survivors



Kylen Cavanaugh-O'Hanlon (left), 8, and Abigail Polley, 6 -- two of the youngest members of the committee planning the 2014 Relay For Life of Agawam -- make starburst bracelets from rubber bands. The bracelets will be given out at the Relay kickoff rally on Jan. 23.

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Michael Gold places filled purple swag bags on a table in preparation for handing them out to those who attend the Jan. 23 kickoff rally for the 2014 Relay For Life of Agawam. He is a member of the committee planning the Relay.

and community members will join us by participating in the Relay," said Iacolo.

Educating people about Relay

During the Relay, teams of people will set up campsites around the field and take turns walking or running around the track. Teams will have at least one representative on the track at all times.

At the kickoff, teams can register for the Relay. They will have a mock campsite set up as well as several stations staffed by planning committee members to help teams better understand what Relay is and what happens during the event. "One of our kickoff goals is to educate new people on what Relay looks like and help them through the process of being part of our event," said Iacolo.

While teams do most fundraising prior to the event, some hold creative fundraisers at their campsites during the Relay. Iacolo said this year's fund-raising goal is \$70,000. Teams have so far raised more than \$1,000 toward that goal. Last year's Relay raised more than \$62,000.

During the past two Relays in Agawam, teams have raised a total of more than \$100,000. "These funds enable the American Cancer Society to change the lives of those touched by cancer within our community," said Iacolo.

Helping people get well, stay well

The money supports vital, cutting-edge cancer research; provides cancer patients with services such as transportation to treatment, round-the-clock support at the national cancer information center (1-800-227-2345); helps scientists develop new generations of medicines to battle cancer. The bottom line: our Relay helps people stay well and get well."

Jennifer Ducharme, Relay specialist for the New England Division of the American Cancer Society, has been assisting the planning committee. She said the Relay is a life-changing event that gives everyone in the community a chance to help defeat cancer. "People from all walks of life come together with a shared mission of furthering our vision of a world with less cancer and more birthdays," she added.

To find out how to volunteer, or to RSVP for the kickoff, contact Ducharme at (413) 493-2124 or email jennifer.ducharme@cancer.org, or Iacolo (413) 478-9491 or email jiacolo@aol.com. For more information about the Relay, visit www.relayforlife.org/agawamma or the "Relay for Life of Agawam MA" Facebook page.

Council to debate mixed use zone

ZONE, from page 1

dress their concerns," said Dachos.

She said no changes have been made to the proposed zone change since it was originally presented to the council at a Dec. 16 public hearing.

"Only the council can make changes to the proposal at this point," said Dachos.

She hopes that after the work session tonight, the council will be well-informed and be able to vote on the proposal at Tuesday's regular council meeting.

Councilor Robert Rossi said he has concerns over the Business C zone giving potential property owners too much leeway and allowing them to build whatever business they want by right. He suggested an overlay district in the Walnut Street Extension area may be more appropriate.

Rossi added the town of Agawam may be moving forward too quickly on a zone change when it is unclear what will become of the Games and Lanes property.

Councilor Gina Letellier asked if the building will finally be demolished, or should be demolished before the zone change takes place.

"It's really an eyesore and would be unappealing to potential neighbors," Letellier said.

Dachos said there are still numerous environmental issues preventing the building from simply being demolished. There are contaminants on the property and there is no one willing to take on the project and expense of clearing out the property.

"The town could take the property through tax title," said Dachos. "But then the town would have to take responsibility for the environmental issues there."

Those responsibilities could cost the taxpayers at least \$600,000.

In the meantime, the town is hoping to revitalize the rest of the area and create a more attractive downtown shopping area.

"I like the idea," said Councilor George Bitzas. "It would be like a destination point. I have seen other towns do similar projects."

Dachos said the Business C zone would do things such as relax certain zoning requirements like setbacks from the road and lot sizes. Dachos would like to see the zone create a pedestrian shopping center.

There are parking issues that do need to be addressed. Dachos said the town is seeking a \$1 million grant to address parking in the area.

The proposed zone will affect 17 total properties on Walnut Street Extension. The properties are currently zoned Business A, Business B, and in a couple of cases, Industrial A.

There is also the possibility for allowing residences to be created above businesses.

The entire bylaw is 12 pages long and is available for viewing at the Office of Planning and Community Development, located at Agawam Town Hall.

Following the workshop, the Agawam City Council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21. The continuation of the public hearing for the new zone is on the agenda.

Flooding closes road

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Area resident Michael Berthiaume told *Agawam Advertiser News* that he has called numerous times since 2008 to complain about water issues in the area.

"Until now, no one realized the severity," he said. "No street lights, no indication, just three-plus feet of water pops up on you."

Berthiaume went on to state that he lives in the basin of the street and that water gets in his garage every year.

"I was told to build up my garage to stop the water from getting in," he said.

DPW crews remained in the area until Sunday, Jan. 12.

Golba cautioned drivers not to venture through puddles or flooded areas.

"If that had been a water main break, the car could have submerged because the road could have given way," he said.

At presstime, the street had been cleaned up and the road was reopened, said Golba.

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Public Safety

Firefighters battle car fire

One person injured, transported to Baystate



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Firefighters battle a car and car carrier fire at Shibley Court apartments Monday. One person was taken to Baystate Medical Center with injuries.

By Jennifer Wroblewski
Staff Writer

AGAWAM — One person was treated for minor burns following a car and car carrier fire at Shibley Court apartments in Feeding Hills Monday.

According to Agawam Fire Chief Alan Sirois, the fire occurred Jan. 13 at 4:01 p.m. on Norman Terrace. When firefighters arrived, a motor vehicle – which was inside a car carrier – was fully engulfed in flames. It took just five minutes to extinguish the fire, but crews remained on scene for more than 20 minutes to put out

hot spots.

Sirois said the cause of the fire was not suspicious.

"There was an individual working on a car inside the car carrier and it backfired," he said. "As a result of the backfire, there was a catastrophic failure of a portion of the fuel system which caused it to go up very quickly." That individual – a Feeding Hills resident whom Sirois declined to identify – was transported to Baystate Medical Center in Springfield with minor burn injuries, he said.

Additional information was not available at presstime.

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 81 EMS calls and 20 fire and emergency response calls for the week of Jan. 7 to Jan. 13.

On Jan. 7 at 8:51 a.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for public service assistance.

On Jan. 7 at 9:01 a.m., the department responded to South Street for a service call.

On Jan. 8 at 12:09 a.m., the department responded to South Park Terrace for a good intent call.

On Jan. 8 at 2:11 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for a lockout.

On Jan. 8 at 2:28 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

On Jan. 8 at 4:13 p.m., the department was dispatched to Brien Street and was canceled en route.

On Jan. 9 at 5:24 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for smoke or odor removal.

On Jan. 9 at 12:44 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for a lockout.

On Jan. 9 at 2:46 p.m., the department responded to River Road for water or steam leak.

On Jan. 10 at 8:04 a.m., the department

responded to Main Street for a building fire.

On Jan. 10 at 10:01 a.m., the department responded to Leonard Street for public service.

On Jan. 10 at 1 p.m., the department responded to Bunker Hill Road for a chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue.

On Jan. 10 at 1:03 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

On Jan. 11 at 12:49 p.m., the department responded to Tobacco Farm Road for carbon monoxide activation due to malfunction.

On Jan. 11 at 6:04 p.m., the department responded to Castle Hills Road for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.

On Jan. 12 at 8:46 a.m., the department responded to Castle Hills Road for a lockout.

On Jan. 12 at 12:31 p.m., the department responded to Leonard Street for person in distress.

On Jan. 13 at 10:17 a.m., the department responded to Walnut Street Ext. for a good intent call.

On Jan. 13 at 4:05 p.m., the department responded to Norman Terrace for mobile property (vehicle) fire.

On Jan. 13 at 7:22 p.m., the department responded to Cricket Road for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.

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Police are looking for this individual in connection with a breaking and entering that took place at Cheers Package Store last Wednesday.

The Agawam Police Detective Bureau is asking for the public's help to identify a suspect in a breaking and entering that took place last week.

According to Agawam Police Detective Lt. Richard Light, the incident occurred Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 6:29 a.m. at Cheers

Package Store, located at 416 Springfield St. A "significant amount" of alcohol and cigarettes were taken, he said.

Anyone with information regarding the identification of the individual involved is asked to contact Agawam Detective Bureau at (413) 786-1717.

POLICE LOG

Saturday, Jan. 11

Dae Sung Jang, 51, f 24 Barberry Lane, Agawam, was arrested on charges of assault and battery on disabled person, and domestic assault and battery.

Monday, Jan. 13

Daniel Richard Ryznic, 63, of 23 Suffield St., Apt. 9, Agawam, was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct, assault and battery on a police officer, and resisting arrest.

Dog licenses honor fire service professionals

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"Pounds are scary places for dogs. We'd rather bring them home than take them there," said Strong. "We rent space in Westfield Animal Control and have to drive all the way out by Barnes Airport if a dog has no identification. The time to get the dog settled, fill out paperwork and drive all the way back takes me off the road and away from what I'm doing and any emergencies here."

Strong greatly emphasized the importance of calling Animal Control when a dog runs off instead of going out to look for it on your own.

"When someone calls us, there are more eyes on the road looking for it. Also, if I find your dog and you're out looking for it, even a licensed dog has to do to the pound if no one is home," she said.

Revenue collected from licensing fees pay shelter bills. Spayed and neutered dogs are \$10 while intact dogs are \$25. A copy of a dog's current rabies vaccine certificate, not the tag, is also required. Dogs new to the system must also submit proof of their spay/neuter certificate.

The licensing season runs from April 1 to March 31.

"I tell people that a good hint to remember when to license is when you do your taxes," said Strong. "Whether you take the actual paper license or a blank application and put it in your tax folder, it's a reminder that you see so you don't forget."

Residents can license dogs in-person or by mail. Forms are located in the Agawam Police Department lobby at 681 Springfield St. in Feeding Hills and on the town website (agawam.ma.us/filestorage/66/96/doglic.pdf).

"For those unable to pick up forms, like the elderly or disabled, they can call me and I will be more than happy to mail them a form. There's really no excuse to not license your dog," said Strong.

For more information about dog licensing or the upcoming spring rabies clinic, call (413) 786-4767 or contact Animal Control Officer Allison Strong directly at (413) 726-9754.

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B's Hive creates a buzz in Agawam

AGAWAM — The B's Hive, a new fashion store located at 289 Springfield St., fills the need for affordable women's plus-sized clothing. The retail/consignment store's owner, Beth Atwood, officially opened her doors for business Oct. 7, and has expressed appreciation for the people who have come in since to welcome her to the area.

The name of Atwood's store stems from her childhood. When she was 12 years old, her father, Bob, decided to become a bee keeper and Atwood learned about keeping bees and extracting their honey with her father. For years, she helped him with his hobby. When Bob passed away, Atwood wanted to keep her father's memory with her, which she accomplished by incorporating their first initial - "B" - into the name, "The B's Hive."

Walking into the store, customers will notice Bob's bee knick knack collection adorning the walls, shelves, glass counter and more. There are also a few of Bob's awards

from the Topsfield Fair competitions. In addition, Atwood has added to his collection in order to continue the tradition her father started. One customer even sold her a "skep" (straw bee hive) which now sits in the front window.

The B's Hive — which Atwood said is the only retail/consignment shop in Western Massachusetts that is exclusively designed for plus-sized women — has morphed into the store Atwood always had in her mind. Aside from affordability, Atwood wanted to offer women a variety of clothes — from dress to casual, gowns to dresses, blazers to coats, dress pants to jeans, skirts, shirts, shoes, scarfs and more.

There is even a special location in the store for children to play.

The B's Hive is open every day, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., except Sunday and Wednesday. For more information, call 301-6561 or visit www.thebhive.com.

Hampden Bank Charitable Foundation celebrates successful year

SPRINGFIELD - Hampden Bank Charitable Foundation, based in Springfield, is a private charitable foundation celebrating another successful year of community giving and involvement in which over \$439,000 in grants provided in 2013 to 109 organizations and programs serving the families of Western Massachusetts. The Foundation has also made multi-year grant commitments totaling \$145,000 to 13 area organizations.

Hampden Bank Charitable Foundation is dedicated to supporting a wide variety of organizations and initiatives that work to improve the welfare and quality of life of people, families and communities in greater Springfield area. The Foundation's 109 grant recipients include Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Girl Scouts of Central Western MA, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampden County, Homework House, ROCA, STCC

Foundation, Open Pantry Community Services, Springfield Day Nursery, United Way and YMCA of Greater Springfield.

"We congratulate these groups and their dedicated staff for the work they do," said Robert A. Massey, president of the Hampden Bank Charitable Foundation, chief financial officer and treasurer of Hampden Bank. "Collectively, they are making a profound difference by greatly enriching our communities and providing critical support and assistance to those in need."

Hampden Bank Charitable Foundation operates with a \$3,785,660 endowment from Hampden Bancorp, Inc. and operates with an independent board of directors. The foundation's grant policy guidelines and application can be obtained by emailing Robert A. Massey at rmassey@hampdenbank.com.

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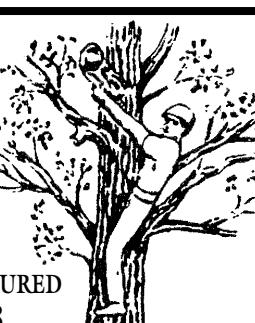
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Nolan installed as Realtor Association president

SPRINGFIELD — Patrick S. Nolan, of Agawam, has been installed as president of the 1,600-member Realtor Association of Pioneer Valley during the organization's 99th Annual Installation ceremonies held Jan. 9 at Crestview Country Club in Agawam. Nolan is broker-owner of Century 21 A-1 Nolan in West Springfield, and Century 21 Hometown Associates with offices in Chicopee, Westfield and East Longmeadow.

As president he will oversee the association's activities and operations including meetings of the board of directors, and act as a liaison to the association's various committees. He is the official spokesperson for the association on issues related to the real estate industry and the local housing market.

Chris Johnson, a former five-term mayor of Agawam, served as the emcee. Edmund G. Woods, the 1995 president of the National Association of Realtors, was the installing officer. Guests included Peter Ruffini, of

Carver, the 2014 president of the Massachusetts Association of Realtors, and Rob Authier, the chief executive officer of the Massachusetts Association of Realtors.

The other 2014 officers and directors installed include Dawn M. Henry, of Palmer, as president-elect; Louis P. Mayo, of Belchertown, as treasurer; Janise Fitzpatrick, of Belchertown, as secretary; and Brian P. Sears, of Springfield, as immediate past-president.

Directors include Elias Acuna, of Springfield; Edward Alford, of South Hadley; Kelly Bowman, of Sunderland; Suzi Buzzee, of Northampton; Susan Drumm, of Agawam; Susan M. Rheaume, of Wilbraham; Richard Sawicki Jr., of Erving; and Heather Witalisz Siegel, of Westfield.

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TOP AGENTS



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Ted Cassell, president of Park Square Realty and manager of the Park Square Feeding Hills office, announced last week that the top producing agents for the fourth quarter of 2013 at that office are, from left, Donna O'Connor, Judy Gearing and Jan Szemela. Park Square Realty is a locally-owned company with 45 agents and locations in Feeding Hills and Westfield.

Noble Hospital breast program receives donation

WESTFIELD — Noble Hospital recently announced a donation of \$3,600 from Luso Federal Credit Union to the Comprehensive Breast Program.

For the fifth straight year as part of its annual International Credit Union celebration, Luso Federal Credit Union and its members generously contribute to local breast cancer research.

During October 2013, Luso sponsored various fundraising efforts to raise money for breast cancer research including holding

a Dough Raiser at Uno's on Boston Road in Springfield, selling Taste of Western Mass coupon books, selling member-designed T-shirts, and accepting donations for its calendar of "Thanks" giving.

On behalf of its members and community supporters, Luso presented a check for \$3,600 to the Comprehensive Breast Program at Noble in the hopes that one day the disease—which touches nearly everyone in some way—may be eradicated.

Smith joins Keller Williams Realty

Tiffany M. Smith, a real estate sales professional in Agawam, has joined the Keller Williams Realty Pioneer Valley Market Center. Smith, a lifelong Agawam resident, graduated from Agawam High School and continues to live here

with her husband and two daughters. She received her bachelor's degree in business management and marketing from Westfield State University.

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Weekly calendar of events

Monday, Jan. 20: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Senior Center closed.

Tuesday, Jan. 21: S.H.I.N.E (by appt.); 9 a.m., Exercise, Knitting, Sewing; 10 a.m., Coffee Hour with Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, PACE; 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Mah Jongg, Movie; 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 4 p.m., Disability Commission Meeting; 4:30 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginner Line Dance; 6:30 p.m., Evening Sewing Class.

Wednesday, Jan. 22: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble, 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 1 Meeting.

Thursday, Jan. 23: 9 a.m., Exercise; 9:30 a.m., Quilting; 10 a.m., Line Dancing; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Free

Blood Pressure Check, Pitch, Open Art Class; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6 p.m., Genealogy Computer Class; 6:30 p.m., Pitch.

Friday, Jan. 24: 9:15 a.m., Oil Painting; 10 a.m., Tai Chi; 11:15 a.m., Yoga; Noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Pitch, Cribbage.

Lunch menu

Monday, Jan. 20: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Senior Center closed.

Tuesday, Jan. 21: Philly cheese steak with peppers and onions, Tater Tots, fresh pears.

Wednesday, Jan 22: Roast pork, roasted potatoes and carrots, applesauce, pudding.

Thursday, Jan. 23: Shepard's pie, spring salad, baked good.

Friday, Jan. 24: Potato crusted cod, au gratin potatoes, peas and carrots, peaches.

Notes from the Music Room

By Darcy Davis

To continue on the Tournament of Roses Parade, a good coverage can be found on the Home and Garden Channel, which has no commercial breaks. This year, the units seemed to go by so fast, there was hardly enough time to get out all of the information about each and that I thought was needed before they were gone.

They all seemed to have a couple hundred members with many approaching the 300 and 400 level. This compares with the Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York



where each band has 25 seconds of air time to make their approach, make a formation and perform as they leave the camera area. In the Rose Parade, it took only a minute or so for each band to come into view, most not stopping and continuing along the parade route.

Bands came from near and far, including San Antonio, Texas; Bethlehem, Penn.; Japan; Kingsport, Tenn.; Rosemont, Minn.; Carmel, Ind.; St. Augustine, Fla.; and Reno, Nev., as well as the Michigan and Stanford bands with their football teams. This only scratches the surface, so a little more next week.

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The American Heart Association and American Stroke Association have launched the "Check. Change. Control." program designed to close the gap in the treatment of high blood pressure. This free program empowers people to learn about, monitor and manage their blood pressure through a combination of resources.

Although all groups are affected by high blood pressure (HBP), African Americans have an increased incidence of hypertension with over 40 percent of males and 47 percent of females suffering with HBP. Not only is HBP more severe in African Americans than Caucasians but it also develops earlier in life.

There are different theories on why African Americans have a higher incidence of high blood pressure. There is often a higher incidence of diabetes and obesity which can contribute to high blood pressure. Additionally, research

suggests that there may be a gene that makes African Americans much more salt sensitive. This trait increases the risk of developing HBP. In people who have this gene, as little as half a teaspoon of salt could raise blood pressure as much as five points.

The American Stroke Association notes that a high sodium diet can directly lead to high blood pressure which can contribute to several severe health issues including stroke, heart failure, heart disease, osteoporosis, stomach cancer and kidney disease. The Association notes that 97 percent of children and adolescents consume more than the daily recommended amount of sodium which can lead to major health issues later in life.

With nearly 70 percent of people who have had a first heart attack, 77 percent of those who had a first time stroke and 74 percent of those who have congestive heart failure having blood pressure higher than 140/90 mm Hg, it's vital to gain control and maintain a healthy blood pressure level.

The "Check. Change. Control." program is available to anyone interested in maintaining or controlling a healthy blood pressure level. Interested parties can visit www.heart.org/CheckChangeControl to learn more.

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ROBOTICS GETS IN GEAR

Rosie Robotics FIRST Team 839 started its build season Jan. 4 with the FIRST Robotics Competition kickoff and is hard at work now that their challenge has been revealed. FRC Kickoff marks the beginning of the design and build season for robotics teams, which have the opportunity to meet at "local" kickoffs to compare notes, get ideas, make friends, find mentoring teams, learn the game, pick up the Kit of Parts, and get geared up for the exciting competition season.

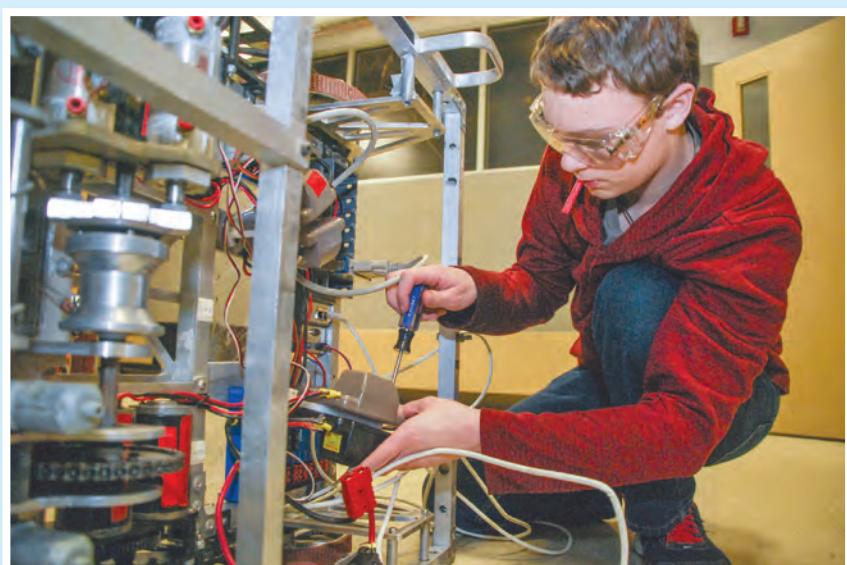
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Project CEO Alli Bessette leads some of the Rosie Robotics team in a scheduling meeting.



Bob Despang, an engineer for UTC Aerospace Systems, assists freshmen, Noah Lovotti (left) and Quincy Butler (center) in programming.



Evan Richard does electrical testing on a test bed (old AHS robot).



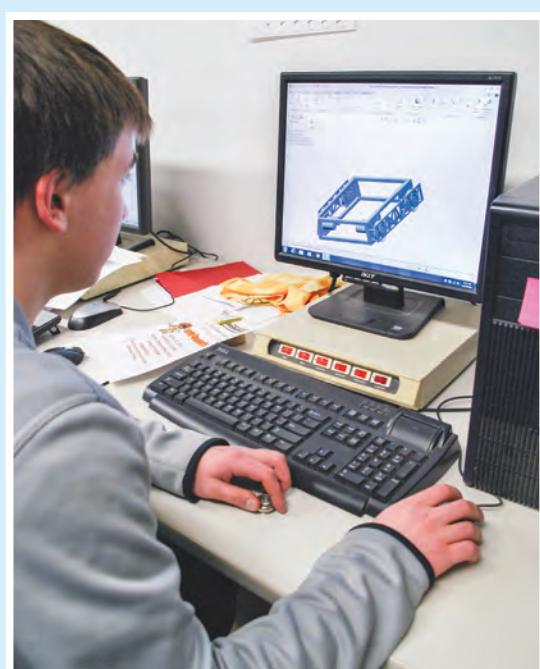
Project CEO Alli Bessette (left) proofs a thank you letter that chief marketing officer, Rachael Blain drafted.



From left, Paul Hotaling, Dave Smith and Billy Dessette precisely cut a part on the schools CNC machine.



Massachusetts lead mentor, Dana Henry (center) plans out what to manufacture Monday, Jan. 13 with (rear to front) Raff Manzi, Paul Hotaling and Billy Dessette.



Junior, Shayne Castonguay works on the frame of the drive system in CAD.



Mentors, Jim Kammerer, UTC Aerospace Systems general manager (left) and Dave Smith, G&L Tool shop foreman, work in CAD with AHS junior, Bob Fontaine.

In the Classroom

AHS Counseling Bulletin

College Acceptances: Tia LaFogg: UMass Dartmouth, Bay Path College, Westfield State University, Wheelock College, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts; Ian Chamberland: Boston University; Allison Grubs: Quinnipiac University, Bay Path College, Western New England University, Mass. College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences; Abigail Lucia: Bay Path College; Scott Barber: Florida Institute of Technology; Iman Shehemi: Western New England University; Brianna Herson: UMASS Amherst, Worcester State University; Morgan Casey: Curry College; Caitlin McCarthy: University of Vermont, Colorado State University; Tim Considine: UMass Amherst, Worcester Polytechnic Institute; Kate Moriarty: Worcester State University; Rachel Narreau: University of Vermont; Nolan Sheridan: Northeastern University; Tyler Desrosiers: Keene State; Megan Couture-King: Massachusetts of Liberal Arts, Fitchburg State University; Alisa Kotliarova: Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Drexel University; Molly Mittler: Northeastern University; Jordyn Conway: Elms College; Megan Couture-King: Elms College; Brandon Montalvo: Elms College, Becker College; Alina Radionova: Elms College; Anthony Luciani: Elms College; Mikayla Miranda: Worcester State University; Lyz Estrada: Husson University, Mass. College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences; Max Baskin: Nichols College; Joe Cardapolio: Franklin Pierce University, Fitchburg State University, Eastern Nazarene College, Gordon College; Kerry DeForge: George Mason University; Angela Ferrenetino: Mass. College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences; Miranda Lanza: Endicott College, New England College, Franklin Pierce University; Shayla Olson: Fitchburg State University, Salem State University; Erika Lamagdeleine: Bay Path College; Jordyn Conway: LeMoyne College, Castleton State College, University of Maine; Rachel Burton: Westfield State University.

Open Houses/Informational Sessions: Many colleges are hosting events in the next few weeks. Check the college website for more information and to confirm the date and time of the event.

Emmanuel College: Jan. 20, 25; Regis College: Jan. 25; Fitchburg State University: Jan. 25; Salem State University: Jan. 26; Framingham State University: Jan. 25; Skidmore College: Jan. 26, 27; Mt. St. Mary's College: Jan. 26; University of St. Joseph: Jan. 18

New England School of Art: Jan. 20

Seniors: Colleges/universities (4 year) are looking for your term 2 grades. Give Mrs. Ledger, counseling secretary, a regular-sized envelope with your name in the left hand corner, 1 stamp in the right hand corner and the address of each school you applied to for the end of this month. She will provide them with an updated transcript once grades are all set.

SAT Prep Course: Princeton Review will host a SAT prep course for juniors at AHS beginning Jan. 29. Registration is required through Princetonreview.com or 1-800-2Review ext. 1065. Princeton Review has mailed postcards home.

FAFSA Day (College Goal Sunday): A volunteer driven program providing free assistance to students and families seeking to complete the FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid on either Jan. 26 at 1 p.m. at American International College or Feb. 23 at 1 p.m. at Holyoke Community College. Parents should bring their FAFSA Pin (www.pin.ed.gov), social security number, driver's license number, most recent federal tax return, most recent W-2 or year-end pay stub, untaxed income records, bank statement(s), business and investment records and alien registration card (if not a U.S. citizen). For more information, visit www.fafsdays.org.

Residents attain honors at Wilbraham & Monson Academy

WILBRAHAM - The following area students have been named to the Wilbraham & Monson Academy honor roll for the first trimester of the 2013-2014 academic year:

Highest honors (grade point average of 4.0 or higher): Katelyn H. Cronin, grade 9; Nicholas J. Gourley, grade 8.

High honors (grade point average of 3.7 to 3.99): Benjamin J. Ochola, grade 11; Timothy B. Regnier, grade 10.

Honors (grade point average of 3.3 to 3.69): Lauren M. Foley, grade 9; Sophia M. Gourley, grade 11.

Students earning honor roll status can have no grade below a C.

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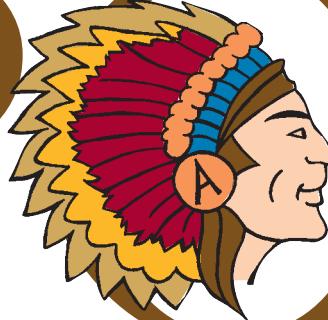
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SPORTS



Offensive struggles stop Agawam

Stratton leads in win over Chicopee

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM — The Agawam girls basketball team split two games during the past week, losing to Northampton while defeating Chicopee in a makeup game.

Against Northampton last Thursday night at home, the Lady Brownies struggled to score baskets early in the game while the Blue Devils maintained a consistent scoring attack throughout the game and left with a 57-40 victory over the Lady Brownies.

Agawam was led by Danielle Stratton, who had a really good second half and finished with 16 points. She was exceptional from the free throw line during the first half, and finished with seven made free throws for the game, the highest total for either team.

Margaret Frawley also had an excellent game, finishing with 12 points for Agawam.

Northampton started out with an early lead and Agawam had trouble stopping their shooters. The Lady Brownies also had a difficult time shooting on their end of the court. Northampton placed a lot of pressure on Agawam, forcing several

turnovers during the first quarter.

Agawam was able to come back a bit, getting four free throw points from Stratton, but trailed 15-8 after the first quarter.

The Lady Brownies had similar struggles in the second quarter, having trouble making baskets while Northampton's defense outplayed them.

By the end of the first half, Agawam trailed 28-17.

After the break, Agawam tried to stay in the game, but Northampton continued to build their lead. The Lady Brownies did play better in the second half, but it was not enough to pick up a win against the

Blue Devils, who improved to 5-1 and appear poised to be a top contender in Division 1 for the second straight season.

Last Tuesday, Agawam and Chicopee met in a makeup of a snow out from Jan. 2.

The Lady Brownies struggled mightily in the first half, but overcame that for an amazing second half and a come-from-behind victory as they defeated the Pacers 45-42.

The Lady Brownies were limited to just two points in the second quarter. They trailed 24-11 at halftime before their defense picked up

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Turley Publications photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Ali Wheeler makes a pass during the first quarter.



Margaret Frawley looks for an open player to pass to as she drives downcourt.

Agawam pins down Westfield

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM — The Agawam wrestling team had a successful morning last Saturday at Westfield High School and made it three out of four during the past week.

The Brownies won two of three meets at the Westfield Duals along with defeating Westfield in a dual meet last Wednesday.

Their biggest victory came against Gateway, as the Brownies defeated the Gators 42-6 in a short meet.

Gateway lacked depth heading into the Saturday morning duals at Westfield, and were not able to compete beyond 160 pounds.

Several Agawam wrestlers at the lower weights then scored easy pinfall victories.

Joe Herbert got it started for the Brownies as he picked up a pinfall at 126 pounds. He was able to score a reversal after losing control briefly during the match. Shortly after, Herbert got the pinfall, ending the match in the first period with 23 seconds remaining.

From there, Agawam cruised, Jonathan Sadowski picked up a pin at 132 pounds. He got a take-down on his opponent and then took about a minute to get the pinfall.

At 145 pounds, Anthony Basile



Turley Publications photo by Gregory A. Scibelli
Jonathan Sadowski tries to turn over his opponent from Gateway in a 126-pound match.

was a winner as he scored a take-down, but had some trouble pinning his partner's shoulder to the mat. He scored the pin with 37 seconds left in the first period.

Matt Plumador and Vincent Derosa won their matches at 152 and 160 pounds, respectively. Both wins were by pinfall.

At the end of the meet, Brennan Liebel scored a pin in just over a minute to finish Agawam on a high note.

Agawam scored a big win over Westfield last Wednesday 50-23.

In the win, Agawam had two

technical falls, matches won by 15 points or more. Joe Herbert and Anthony Caracciolo were both able to score with frequency and ended their matches before six minutes were up.

Three Agawam wrestlers won matches in the first 30 seconds of their respective matches. At 132 pounds, Sadowski scored the take-down and pinned Joe Burbee in 22 seconds.

At 182 pounds Fred Karl-Morin pinned Thomas Flaherty in 26 seconds. Nick Blais got a pinfall

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Brownies rally to tie up Terriers

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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Sports Correspondent

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The Agawam ice hockey team is no longer perfect for the regular season, but they are still undefeated after facing the top competition they will see this year in the Berry Division.

Agawam had two ties in the past week, tying East Longmeadow 6-6 in a slugfest last Saturday night at Olympia Ice Center. They tied Longmeadow 1-1 last Tuesday night.

For the first time this season, the Brownies trailed in a game by more than a goal.

After taking an early lead, East Longmeadow exploded for five goals off Connor McAnanama.

East Longmeadow had very few opportunities in the game, having only 16 shots on goal, but made the most of a number of them.

Agawam trailed 5-3 heading into the third period before getting a little bit of offense of their own, punching through three goals off East Longmeadow's Matt Gasparini to earn the draw.

The Brownies got two goals from Billy Wysocki and Zach Circosta, Joe Shea, Cam Rivest,

and John Colwell scored the other goals for the Brownies. Rivest had three assists while Circosta and Seamus Curran each had two assists.

The Agawam offense was very aggressive, making 52 shots on goal, their highest total for this season.

The Brownie defense had trouble stopping Joseph Santaniello, who had three goals and an assist for the Spartans.

It was the first time in several years Agawam has played against the Spartans. The Spartans have been a perennial playoff contender in Division 3 for several years, but find themselves 1-4-2 so far this year.

Last Tuesday night, a rescheduled game against Longmeadow resulted in a draw between the two new rivals.

Shea scored the lone goal for Agawam while Ben Aronson had the sole score for the Lancers.

Agawam's defense continued to limit shots on goal, this time limiting Longmeadow to 24 shots on goal. Agawam, on the other side, had 34 shots. The Brownies have been operating like this the entire season.

Last year, Agawam started their Please see TIE, page 14

ALL to hold spring signups Jan. 25

AGAWAM - Agawam Little League registration for spring 2014 will be held on Saturday Jan. 25 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library.

Registration fees for the 2014 season will be: T-ball (4 years old) \$50; Instructional (5-6 years old) \$70; Minors (7-9 years old), AAA (9-12 years old) and Majors (10-12 years old) \$90; Seniors (13-16 years old) \$110.

For families with more than one child playing the first child is full price, second child is half price and any additional children will be \$20.

The Objective of Agawam Little League is to install the ideals of good sportsmanship, teamwork, physical well-being, discipline and respect for authority. We are in need of individuals in all capacities. We encourage all to attend this registration to learn more about the organization and ways that you may be able to assist.

Please go to www.agawamlittleleague.com for more information.

COLLEGE NOTES

Rackliffe selected MASCAC Women's Basketball

Rookie of the Week

FRAMINGHAM - Framingham State freshman forward and Feeding Hills resident Alycia Rackliffe has been selected the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) Women's Basketball Rookie of the Week for the week ending Jan. 12.

Rackliffe averaged 15 points, 9.3 rebounds and 2.3 blocks in her first collegiate action during a 1-2 week for the Rams. In her collegiate debut she recorded a double-double with 19 points and 11 rebounds in a 71-56 victory over Albertus Magnus. She closed the week with a 12-point, nine rebound performance in a one-point loss to conference rival Fitchburg State.

Witaszek named First Team All-NECC

CHICOPEE - Elms College senior defender Allyson Witaszek of Feeding Hills was recently named First Team All-NECC in women's soccer.

Witaszek delivered a pair of scores and helped on three others against NECC competition.

The anchor of the Elms' defense, Witaszek also helped the team post five league shutouts.

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and their offense erupted late in the game.

Agawam went on a 19-9 run to end the game, coming through with key shooting and some big rebounds for the win.

Stratton led Agawam scorers with 14 points. She was helped with 11 points from Christie Mirski. Mirski was great from the foul line with six made free throws. Frawley had eight points. Ali Wheeler also contributed six points.

The Lady Brownies are 3-5 for the regular season are next scheduled to play Friday when they have a rematch with Chicopee at 7 p.m. The Lady Brownies are then home on Tuesday night against Ludlow at 7 p.m.



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Danielle Stratton makes a free throw.

MEN'S 3-ON-3 CHAMPS AT SPRINGFIELD JCC



Turley Publications submitted photo

The winter 2013 champions at the Springfield JCC are: (pictured from left to right) Christopher Ollari of Longmeadow, Matt Albano of Agawam, Jack Patterson of Agawam, Jim Corbett of Southwick, and Pete Vecchiarelli of Agawam.

SPRINGFIELD - The Springfield JCC is pleased to announce the winter 2013 champions of the men's winter 3 on 3 basketball league.

The winners are: Christopher Ollari of Longmeadow, Matt Albano of Agawam, Jack Patterson of Agawam, Jim Corbett of Southwick, and Pete Vecchiarelli of Agawam.

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in 28 seconds in the match at 195 pounds.

Jim Karl-Morin and Chris Ortega also had pinfalls for the Brownies. Basile won his match at 152 pounds by a 6-4 decision.

Agawam beat Quabbin 49-18 at the Westfield Duals, and lost their final meet against Framingham 42-30.

The Brownies are now 8-3 for the regular season in dual meets and were scheduled to face Northampton Wednesday night. The Brownies are traveling to Woburn High School for the Woburn Invitational on Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.

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Anthony Basile has control in his match 145 pounds.

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Falcons close out weekend with loss to Norfolk

The Springfield Falcons (25-8-1-3) were defeated by the Norfolk Admirals by the final score of 2-1 Sunday afternoon at the MassMutual Center, dropping their third straight game in regulation for the first time this season.

Jesse Blacker scored the game-winning goals for Norfolk with a wrist shot from the left wing circle that found the back of the net at 3:51 of the second period. Devante Smith-Pelly scored the first Admirals tally at the 3:26 mark of the first period, giving Norfolk a 1-0 lead.

Dalton Smith scored the lone Falcons goal, burying a rebound in front past Norfolk netminder Frederik Andersen at 9:52 of the opening frame. For Smith, the goal was his fourth of the season and first since Dec. 7.

Jeremy Smith made 26 saves on 28 shots in net for Springfield, falling for the second consecutive start for the first time since Dec. 4. Smith is now 16-6-2 this season.

Andersen stopped 25 of 26 shots to improve to 3-1-0 this season.

The Falcons went 0-for-4 on the power play, while allowing one score on six Norfolk opportunities with the man advantage. The goal was the team's first power play goal allowed in seven games, with the last one coming Dec. 29 versus the Providence Bruins.

Despite the loss, the Falcons remain atop the Northeast Division with 54 points, two points shy of the Eastern Conference-leading Manchester Monarchs. Springfield has four games in hand on Manchester.

Falcons fall short in Hershey

The Falcons were defeated by the Hershey Bears, 5-3, Saturday night at the Giant Center, dropping their second game in a row for only the second time this season.

Sean Collins and Spencer Machacek both posted multi-point efforts in the team's loss. Collins had a goal and an assist, finding the back of the net at 13:26 of the first period to even the score at 2-2. Machacek assisted on all three Springfield scores, becoming the first Falcon to record three helpers in a single game since Tim Erixon accomplished the feat Friday, Oct. 18 at Providence.

Darryl Boyce got the Falcons on the board at 4:13 of the opening frame, deflecting a Will Weber point shot past Hershey netminder David Leggio to tie the score at 1-1. For Boyce, the goal was his eighth of the season and third in the last five games.

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transition toward the Berry Division by playing Longmeadow. The Lancers defeated Agawam 4-2, though Agawam played very well in the loss.

With the draws, Agawam is still without a loss after playing nearly every team in the Berry Division and is 6-0-2. The Brownies have one more game against each league rival and must play Minnechaug twice. The Falcons have had a good season so far with a 4-0-3 record, but have only played three

Michael Chaput scored the third Springfield tally, firing a wrist shot from inside the left-wing circle by Leggio to bring the Falcons to within one score with 3:00 remaining in the third period. The goal was Chaput's third in the last three games.

Hershey's five goals were scored by five different players, including Dustin Gazley, who notched the game-winning goal at 9:30 of the third period. Gazley tapped in a centering feed from Michael Latta to give the Bears a 4-2 lead at the moment. Latta had two assists in the contest and finished with a team-high +2 rating.

Cameron Schilling, Brandon Segal, Ryan Stoa and Nicolas Deschamps also scored for the Bears.

Springfield goaltender Mike McKenna earned a loss for only the third time this season and first since Nov. 8 versus Adirondack. The St. Louis native made 32 saves on 36 shots, falling to 8-3-0 with a league-best 1.69 goals-against average and .937 save percentage.

Leggio stopped 25 of 28 shots faced in net for Hershey, improving to 11-11-2 in 2013-2014.

Win streak snapped with loss to Devils

The Falcons fell to the Albany Devils, 3-0, Friday night at the MassMutual Center, snapping the team's four-game win streak.

Scott Wedgewood stopped all 21 shots he faced in net for Albany, handing Springfield only its second shutout of the season and first since Nov. 8 versus the Adirondack Phantoms.

Devils captain Rod Pelley had a goal and an assist, and finished the contest with a +2 rating. The Kitimat, British Columbia native scored the game-winning goal at 9:30 of the first period. Joe Whitney and Artem Demkov scored the insurance goals for Albany.

Smith made 23 saves on 26 shots, falling for the first time in his last four starts.

Strong first period fuels fourth straight win

Three first-period goals lifted the Falcons over the Albany Devils, 3-2, Tuesday night at the Times Union Center, matching a franchise-best eight-game road point streak.

In his return to the Springfield lineup after missing the team's last six games, forward Chaput scored twice in the contest. The 6-foot-2, 194-pound centerman put the Falcons ahead 1-0 at 2:56 of the opening frame, beat-

ing Albany netminder Keith Kinkaid with a toe drag in front of the net to free up the score on the doorstep. Chaput then scored a shorthanded goal, his second of the game, at the 12:53 mark, as he tipped in a Tim Miller centering feed to put Springfield ahead 2-1.

Miller finished with one assist in the contest, extending his point streak to six games. He has recorded seven assists over that span, which dates back to Dec. 28.

Boyce extended the Falcons lead to 3-1 with 4:16 remaining in the first period, deflecting a Machacek drive from the high slot past Kinkaid. Boyce's seventh tally of the season served as the eventual game-winning goal, his third of the season and second straight versus Albany. The Summerside, Prince Edward Island native also notched the game-winner in overtime of the team's 4-3 victory over the Devils Friday, Jan. 3.

Mattias Tedenby scored both Albany goals, his fourth and fifth in only four games this season.

McKenna earned his eighth win of the season, making 25 saves on 27 shots between the posts for Springfield.

Kinkaid stopped 18 of 21 shots, falling to 13-6-1 overall and 1-3-0 versus the Falcons this season.

With the victory, Springfield matched a franchise record, earning at least a point in eight consecutive road games. The mark was originally set during the 1995-1996 season and equaled in 2005, from the end of the 2004-2005 season and into the beginning of the 2005-2006 campaign.

Thirty-four games into the season, the Falcons lead the American Hockey League with 54 points, 25 wins and a .794 points percentage. Springfield is currently on pace to better the best record in the 78-year history of the AHL – a .775 points percentage earned by the 1992-1993 Binghamton Rangers.

Hale to perform concert after Jan. 20 game

The Springfield Falcons announced Friday that actress and country music artist Lucy Hale will perform a concert, presented by KIX 100.9, immediately following the Falcons home game versus the Adirondack Phantoms Monday, Jan. 20.

The contest is scheduled for 3 p.m., and the concert is available only to those who purchase a ticket to the Falcons game.

Hale is best known for her role as Aria Montgomery on the hit ABC Family series, "Pretty Little Liars," for which she won the People's Choice Award for Favorite Cable TV Actress.

Born and raised in Memphis, Tenn., Hale began singing at age 8. Her debut single, "You

Sound Good To Me," written by Ashley Gorley, Luke Laird and Hillary Lindsey, is set to hit country radio early this year. The song became available for download Jan. 7.

Bruins' Campbell to appear at Falcons game

The Springfield Falcons announced Mon-

day that Boston Bruins forward and Stanley Cup champion Gregory Campbell will appear at the team's home game Sunday, Feb. 23 versus the Norfolk Admirals, presented by Dunkin' Donuts.

The contest begins at 3 p.m. at the MassMutual Center.

Campbell, a veteran of over 500 NHL games and a member of the 2010-2011 Stanley Cup champion Bruins, will sign autographs on the concourse for a limited time from 3 to 4 p.m.

For tickets to the game Feb. 23, visit the MassMutual Center box office or go to Falconsahl.com. For discounted group rates, please call the Falcons front office at 413-739-GOAL (4625).

St. Denis, Goloubef selected to 2014 AHL All-Star Classic roster

The American Hockey League announced Thursday afternoon the roster for the 2014 AHL All-Star Classic to take place in mid-February, and Springfield Falcons defensemen Frederic St. Denis and Cody Goloubef were both selected to participate.

St. Denis leads all Springfield defensemen and ranks seventh among all AHL defensemen with 21 points through 34 games this season. The Greenfield Park, Quebec native also ranks third among all AHL defensemen with eight goals and leads the Falcons with a +12 rating.

Goloubef, who has spent the majority of the season paired with St. Denis on the blue line, has posted 15 points (four goals, 11 assists) and a +7 rating. The University of Wisconsin product is tied for the top spot among all AHL defensemen with two shootout goals and one shootout game-winner this season.

This is the second selection for St. Denis, who recorded an assist in the 2012 All-Star Classic in Atlantic City as a member of the Hamilton Bulldogs. For Goloubef, the selection is his first.

The All-Star team, consisting of 20 total players and six defensemen, will participate in a skills competition Tuesday, Feb. 11 and the All-Star Game Wednesday, Feb. 12 versus Farjestad BK of the Swedish Hockey League. All of the events will take place at Mile One Centre in St. John's, Newfoundland.

Falcon moves

Springfield forward Ryan Craig was returned on loan to the team by the NHL's Columbus Blue Jackets.

Craig has played six games for the Blue Jackets this season, recording four shots and a -3 rating. In 22 games with the Falcons this season, the Abbotsford, British Columbia native has totaled 12 points (six goals, six assists) and a +6 rating.



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The menu includes hot dogs, hamburgers, chili, baked beans, potato salad, macaroni salad, tossed salad, chips, dessert and beverages. In the event of a winter storm, the snow date will be Sunday, March 23.

Father Tomasz, Father Lis, and Deacon Mike also invite guests to attend the 10:30 a.m. Mass before the picnic.

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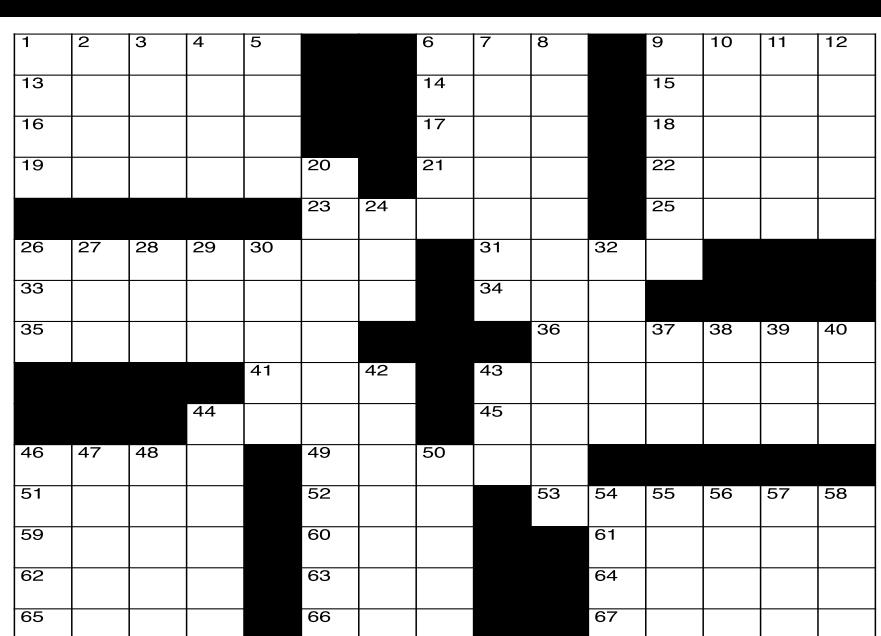
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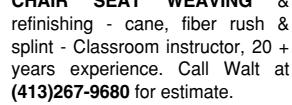
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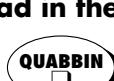
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Sunday, Jan. 19

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS will host a "mini tour" at 1 p.m., led by Arch Battista, focusing on "The Springfield Armory and the Garand M-1 Rifle." The tour is free with museum admission and secure, free onsite parking is available.

Monday, Jan. 20

THE HOLYOKE MERRY-GO-ROUND will be open from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. for the Martin Luther King holiday. Rides are just \$2 each or 6 for \$10. For more information, visit www.holykemerrygoround.org.

Tuesday, Jan. 21

THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER will host a free movie at 12:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library. No registration is necessary.

Wednesday, Jan. 22

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will host a community blood drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Agawam Corporate Center, 67 Hunt St. All presenting donors in January will receive a coupon for a free pound of Dunkin' Donuts coffee. To make an appointment, call (800) 733-2767 or log onto redcrossblood.org.

Thursday, Jan. 23

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "Wolf Talk," featuring Michael LeBlanc of Wolf Talk Educational Programs, at 12:15 p.m. in the Museum of Fine Arts, at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FAMILY PLAYGROUP, which takes place at the church at 745 Main St., Agawam, is open to children birth through age 5 with a parent or caregiver, meets weekly on Thursdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. It includes crafts, stories, songs, free play and more. For more information, call 786-7111 or email jbrownacc@verizon.net.

UPCOMING AND ONGOING

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will host a community blood drive Friday, Jan. 24 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Agawam Fire Dept., 800 Main St. All presenting donors in January will receive a coupon for a free pound of Dunkin' Donuts coffee. To make an appointment, call (800) 733-2767 or log onto redcrossblood.org.

ADULT DROP-IN YOGA is offered at the Agawam Public Library Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. It is a beginner's class and open to adults 18 and over. Bring a yoga mat or blanket. No registration needed.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will host a community blood drive Thursday, Jan. 30 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Agawam High School, 760 Cooper St. All presenting donors in January will receive a coupon for a free pound of Dunkin' Donuts coffee. To make an appointment, call (800) 733-2767 or log onto redcrossblood.org.

A CARD & COLLECTIBLE SHOW will be held Sunday, Feb. 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chicopee Boys and Girls Club, 580 Meadow St. Admission is \$1; kids under 10 are free. There will be over 40 tables, a door prize drawing every 30 minutes, and the club is handicap accessible. For more information, call (413) 593-6046.

THE TUESDAY MORNING MUSIC CONCERT scheduled for Feb. 4 at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in Springfield will feature Teri Lafleur, soprano; Lisa Woods, mezzo-soprano; and Miguel Campinho, piano. Free refreshments are provided after the performances. For more information, contact Yolanda Martin, 25 Valentine St., Springfield or John Karalekas, TMMC president, Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield 01138.

A VALENTINE CHOCOLATE AND JEWELRY FAIR will be held at the First Congregational Church, 7 Somers Road, East Longmeadow, Saturday, Feb. 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A raffle of items donated by crafters will take place. Free admission and parking.

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper Wednesday, Feb. 12 at a cost of \$7 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

YOUR CAR, TRUCK OR CAMPER may be worth more as a donation than a trade-in. Call the Massachusetts Association for the Blind at (888) 613-2777 for more information. Towing is free. All donations are tax deductible.

Arts

Photography show entries now accepted

The Friends of the Agawam Public Library fourth Open Juried Photography Show will accept photos beginning Saturday, Jan. 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. The last day to enter the show is Saturday, Feb. 1.

Cash awards include Best in Show and first-, second-, and third-place in each of the four categories – Creative, Nature, Photo-journalism, and Pictorial.

Download entry form at www.agawamlibrary.org/about/friends.htm. For more information, contact Bob Kadis at (413) 789-4814 or email r.kadis@comcast.net.

Entries will be on display from Feb. 3 to 28 with a reception and awards night Friday, Feb. 21 from 7-9 p.m. at the library.



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In the Classroom

MIGHTY MECHANICS COME BACK AS WINNERS



Some of the team members of Mighty Mechanics at last weekend's competition in Lexington.

The Agawam Robotics' seventh and eighth grade FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) Mighty Mechanics team competed Jan. 11 at "The Battle of Lexington" in Lexington. The FTC program is for grades 7-12, and the vast majority of the 16 teams at the competition were high school teams. Nonetheless, the Mighty Mechanics rose to the challenge with a great robot. Two drive teams of three students worked hard at this year's "Block Party!" challenge (see www3.usfirst.org/roboticsprograms/ftc/game for more details). The programmers also worked feverishly between matches to get an autonomous program up and running from scratch – and it worked.

Although the robot did not come in first place for on-field scoring, the vast majority of FTC awards are given out for everything other than the robot performance,

and Mighty earned one of those awards – the "Think Award." This award is given to the team that best reflects the "journey" the team took as they experienced the engineering design process during the build season.

Mighty places a lot of emphasis on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), which is the primary focus of FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology). The team is also lucky to have some very talented parents who presented "Mighty Moments" on materials, leverage and simple machines.

"As a parent and mentor, it was truly wonderful to watch our students gain new experience as they participated as a team in their first tournament," said parent and mentor Jay Snow. "They really began to see their efforts come to life."

Agawam Schools' weekly lunch menu

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

The Agawam High School lunch menu is posted on the school's website.

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, Jan. 20: Martin Luther King Jr. Day. No school.

Tuesday, Jan. 21: Finger chicken strips with assorted sauce over cut fries, seasoned green beans, fresh and chilled fruit.

Wednesday, Jan. 22: Whole-wheat buttered noodles with meat sauce on the side, French breadstick, mixed vegetables, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, Jan. 23: Ultra-grain French bread pizza, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

Friday, Jan. 24: Philly cheese steak grinder, Cape Cod chips, baby carrots, fresh and chilled fruit.

ROBERTA G. DOERING SCHOOL

Monday, Jan. 20: Martin Luther King Jr. Day. No school.

Tuesday, Jan. 21: Baked chicken O's with dipping sauce, steamed white rice, seasoned green beans, fresh and chilled fruit.

Wednesday, Jan. 22: Whole-wheat noodles with meat sauce on the side, French breadstick, mixed vegetables, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, Jan. 23: Whole-grain French bread pizza, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

Friday, Jan. 24: Hot dog on a roll with condiments, baked vegetarian beans, fresh and chilled fruit.

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Friday, Jan. 24: Hot dog on a roll with condiments, baked vegetarian beans, fresh and chilled fruit.

Campus Notes...

Assumption College - Cristina Zaffetti, of Feeding Hills, was named to the dean's list for the fall semester.

Hudson Valley Community College: Loren Forastiere, of Feeding Hills, was named to the president's list for the fall academic term.

Keene State College: Liana Blais, of Agawam, and Matthew Doherty, of Feeding Hills, were named to the fall semester dean's list.

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